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Consideration of art cited in following related applications and additional information is requested:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/197,358 filed November 20, 1998 entitled High Offset Bits With Super-Abrasive Cutters.

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